

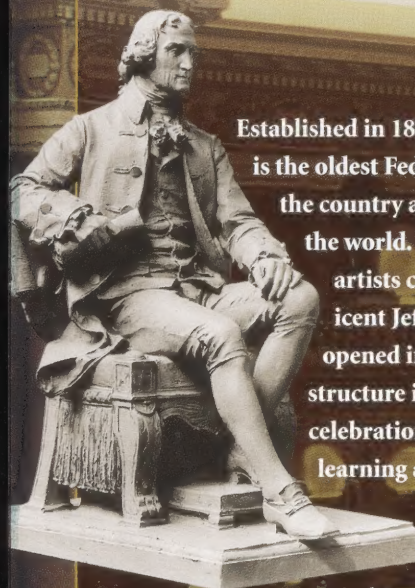
# AMERICA'S LIBRARY IMMORTALIZED



INTRODUCING THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COINS



# 200 YEARS OF AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT



Established in 1800, the Library of Congress is the oldest Federal cultural institution in the country and the largest library in the world. More than 40 American artists contributed to its magnificent Jefferson Building, which opened in 1897. This spectacular structure is an incomparable celebration of knowledge, learning and democracy.

To honor  
the Library's  
bicentennial,

Congress has authorized the United States Mint to issue the first Gold and Platinum Bimetallic Coin in the nation's history. Both the bimetallic and silver commemorative coins will make a spectacular first for the new century.



# AMERICA'S FIRST BIMETALLIC COIN

*The bimetallic coin  
is a 1/4 ounce of  
platinum encircled  
by 1/4 ounce of gold.*

See the beauty of the Jefferson Building's majestic dome and the detail of Minerva's torch, reflected in the century's first commemorative coins from the United States Mint. Made of both gold and platinum, the bimetallic coin must be skillfully prepared. The outer ring is stamped from a sheet of gold, then a solid core of platinum is placed within the ring. Then, the gold ring and platinum core are simultaneously stamped forming an annular bead where the two precious metals meet.

Each coin is mounted in a handsome satin-lined velvet presentation case, accompanied by its own official Certificate of Authenticity. No year-2000 coin collection can be complete without this most unique first-ever gold and platinum bimetallic U.S. Mint coin.



*Rogers' elegant  
engraving of the  
Library's seal*

# ORDER TODAY

Never before has any national cultural institution been commemorated with such a unique set of coins. Both the bimetallic and silver are the Mint's first commemorative coins of the new century. Capture the spirit of America's Library by ordering your Library of Congress Commemorative Coins today. A portion of the proceeds from each coin is authorized to be donated to the Library of Congress

Trust Fund Board to help support outreach programs to make the Library's collection accessible to all Americans. Ensure that this first 2000 Commemorative becomes a part of your collection.



*Mercanti's vision  
of the Jefferson  
Building dome*

*Order today and  
receive special  
pre-issue pricing.*



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# 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMEMORATIVES OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM



*Thomas D. Rogers and  
John Mercanti designs*



# A SPECIAL SAVINGS OFFER

In celebration of the new millennium and the bicentennial of the Library of Congress, the U.S. Mint has issued a special pre-issue discount offer. We urge you to order these Library of Congress Commemorative Coins and the first-ever U.S. Mint Gold and Platinum Bimetallic Coin before June 9, 2000, to take advantage of this special pre-issue pricing. Surcharges designated by Congress have been lowered for the silver coins and the Mint is passing this savings on to you with lower prices.

Denomination/						Mintage	Regular	Pre-Issue
Coin	Condition	Mint Mark	Weight	Diameter	Composition	Limit	Price	Price
Bimetallic	Ten Dollars	West Point	16.259 grams	27.00mm +/- 0.08mm	48% Platinum 48% Gold 4% Alloy	200,000	\$425	\$395
	Proof							
	Ten Dollars	West Point	16.259 grams	27.00mm +/- 0.08mm	48% Platinum 48% Gold 4% Alloy		\$405	\$380
Silver	One Dollar	Philadelphia	26.73 grams	38.10mm +/- 0.08mm	90% Silver 10% Alloy	500,000	\$32	\$28
	Proof							
	One Dollar	Philadelphia	26.73 grams	38.10mm +/- 0.08mm	90% Silver 10% Alloy		\$27	\$25



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# BY ACT OF CONGRESS

By legislative mandate, two U.S. Mint commemorative coin programs will be issued each year. And the Library of Congress Bicentennial Silver Commemorative Coins will be the first commemoratives to bear the year 2000. Reserve them now to complete your growing collection, or make the start of this century the perfect opportunity to begin a commemorative collection. Being the first silver commemorative coins issued in 2000, and priced as low as \$25, their historic significance is evident.

Both the uncirculated and proof silver coins capture the true essence of Jefferson's belief in the Library of Congress. Because the surcharges designated by Congress have been lowered for the silver coins, the Mint is passing these savings on to you with lower prices. So order your United States Mint Library of Congress Bicentennial Silver Commemorative Coins, and start your 2000 millennium collection today.

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or visit **[www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov)**



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COMMEMORATIVE COINS

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OF THE MILLENNIUM

THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MINT COMMEMORATIVES  
IN YOUR 2000 COLLECTION



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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
UNITED STATES MINT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20220  
*Serving America Since 1792*

Dear Fellow Coin Collector,

The first commemorative coins of 2000 are here! Commissioned to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Library of Congress, they're the most exciting commemorative coins in recent history. One of the two coins offered is a gold and platinum bimetallic coin — the first of its kind ever produced by the United States Mint. The second coin being offered is a silver dollar. And since the surcharge has been lowered for this coin, we are passing the savings on to you with lower prices.

## AMERICA'S LIBRARY

Founded in 1800, the Library quickly became more than just a place for congressional research. The personal library of Thomas Jefferson is the Library's core, and the vast range of his interests determined the universal and diverse nature of the Library's collections and activities. From the Declaration of Independence to the Wizard of Oz, the Library of Congress is America's repository of intellectual and cultural history. A portion of the proceeds from each coin is authorized to be donated to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, to help support outreach programs to make the Library's collection accessible to all Americans.

## A SMART DESIGN

The United States Mint offers its first-ever bimetallic commemorative coin in honor of the Library of Congress Bicentennial. This detailed coin design was inspired by the graceful architecture of the Library's Jefferson Building. The bimetallic coin is a 1/4 ounce of platinum encircled by a 1/4 ounce of gold. The outer ring is stamped from a sheet of gold, then a solid core of platinum is placed within the ring. Then, the gold ring and platinum core are simultaneously stamped forming an annular bead where the two precious metals meet.



The bimetallic coin's obverse depicts the hand of Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom, raising the torch of learning aside the dome of the Thomas Jefferson Building, the centerpiece of the Library of Congress. The coin's reverse is marked with the Library of Congress seal encircled by a laurel wreath, symbolizing its national accomplishment.

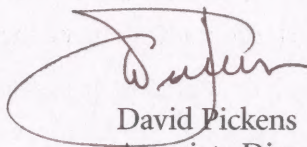
## GENUINE MINT STANDARDS

The United States Mint's craftsmanship has continually created beauty and value for the entire world to see. The Library of Congress Commemorative Bimetallic Coin shows its innovation as well, minted with both .9167 gold and .9995 platinum. From the details of the Library's dome to the open book of knowledge on the silver coin, each design is rendered and pressed with ultimate precision.

## SPECIAL SAVINGS

The Library of Congress Commemorative Coins are the first Mint commemoratives of 2000. Order before June 9, 2000, and take advantage of our special pre-issue prices, *starting at \$25* for the Library of Congress silver coin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Pickens", with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

David Pickens

Associate Director for Numismatics  
United States Mint